



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 28, 2019

Re: FOIA Case 2019-06-108

Austin Evers
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foia@americanoversight.org

VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the Department of the Treasury's (Treasury) final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 12, 2019. You requested "All records provided in response to the May 3, 2019, letter of House Financial Services Committee Chairwoman Maxine Waters, requesting answers to the following questions along with supporting documentation:

1. Did the U.S. government or any agent of the U.S. accept a "medical bill" or ransom demand from any North Korean government or agent in exchange for a U.S. person?
2. Did the U.S. or any agent of the U.S. make any transfer of value - money or otherwise -in exchange for a U.S. person?
 - a. If yes, what are the details of such an exchange?
 - b. If yes, were sanctions waived or were licenses issued to allow for this activity?
 - c. If no, what is the current disposition of this "bill"/ransom demand?"

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. The enclosed responsive document is deemed fully releasable and no exemptions have been claimed. There are no fees assessed at this time.

If you would like to discuss this response you may contact Paul Levitan, the FOIA Public Liaison, for assistance via email at FOIAPL@treasury.gov, or via phone at (202) 622-8098.

A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

If additional questions arise concerning this action, please contact Samuel Giovannucci at (202) 622-1391; or via email at FOIA@treasury.gov. Please reference 2019-06-108.

Sincerely
Paul
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Paul Levitan
Director, FOIA & Transparency

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Enclosures:
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Responsive Document (1 page)



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

May 10, 2019

The Honorable Maxine Waters
Chairwoman
Committee on Financial Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Waters:

I write in response to your May 3, 2019 letter regarding a media story about Otto Warmbier based on anonymous sources. Specifically, you requested information from the Department of the Treasury as to whether the federal government made payments to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in connection with the Administration securing the release of Mr. Warmbier and bringing him home.

As far as we have been able to determine, the federal government has not made any payments to the DPRK or any other person related to Mr. Warmbier's purported medical treatment.

If you have further questions, please direct your staff to contact the Office of Legislative Affairs.

Sincerely,

Frederick W. Vaughan
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Legislative Affairs

cc: The Honorable Patrick McHenry